

**WILLIAMSBURG CITY COUNCIL  
CITY COUNCIL INTERVIEW SESSION  
October 29, 2002**

The Williamsburg City Council held a special meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 2002, at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Stryker Building.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present were Ms. Zeidler, Messrs. Haulman, Houghland, and Tabb. Mr. Tuttle and Ms. Crist were also present. Ms. Christine Workman attended for Mr. Phillips, who was out of town.

**APPOINTMENT OF FIFTH CITY COUNCIL MEMBER**

Mayor Zeidler said the purpose of the meeting evening was to appoint an applicant to fill the unexpired term of George Genakos, who resigned effective September 6, 2002. The City Charter, since 1932, states that Council must fill the vacancy within 60 days and the newly appointed member will serve the remainder of the vacant term. The new member will serve the unexpired term to expire June 30, 2006. City Council has taken this matter seriously and has involved the public. Council members have discussed the applicants in closed session. The city had three well-qualified applicants, but only one can be appointed. The applicants were *Billy S. Scruggs, Judith N. Knudson, and Paul T. Freiling*.

Mayor Zeidler stated her support of Mr. Billy S. Scruggs.

*Mr. Tabb Moved That City Council Appoint Applicant Billy S. Scruggs to the Williamsburg City Council, to Fill the Unexpired Term of Mr. George Genakos, Effective Immediately, to expire June 30, 2006. The Motion Was Seconded by Mr. Haulman.*

*Recorded Vote on the Motion:*

*Aye: Haulman, Zeidler, Tabb*

*No: Houghland*

On behalf of City Council, Mayor Zeidler thanked the applicants for their interest in the City of Williamsburg. She asked Ms. Crist to contact Mr. Scruggs and to coordinate arrangements for him to take the oath of office.

**WILLIAMSBURG REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPOSAL FOR BRAXTON COURT AREA STUDY**

Reference for this item was Mr. Tuttle's report dated October 25, 2002, which included information from the WRHA. The WRHA is proposing to submit to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development a planning grant application for the Braxton Court area. Mr. Tuttle explained that since Council was meeting, he decided to bring this item before them for discussion and to ask that Council authorize him to sign the letter to request the grant funds in the amount of \$25,000. The grant will provide for an opportunity to develop an improvement program for the area. Mr. Haulman is Council's representative on the Authority.

Mr. Haulman spoke in support of the request. The WRHA has been working with the residents in Braxton Court to reduce blight and improve conditions. Currently, homes in the area are approximately fifty percent owner occupied and fifty percent rental. The grant will help the Housing Authority and city to deal with issues in the Braxton Court area.

*Mr. Houghland Moved That City Council Support the Proposal from the Williamsburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority to Submit A Planning Grant Application for the Braxton Court Area, and That Council Authorize the City Manager To Sign A Letter of Application for Planning Grant Funds from the Virginia Department and Housing and Community Development. The Motion Was Seconded by Mr. Tabb.*

*Recorded Vote on the Motion:*

*Aye: Haulman, Zeidler, Houghland, Tabb*

*No: None*

**CHARTER AMENDMENT, APPOINTMENT OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER**

*Mr. Houghland Moved That the City Attorney be Instructed to Amend the City Charter Section that Addresses the Process for Appointment When A Vacancy Occurs on City Council, and That At the Appropriate Time, A Letter Be Sent to Representatives Norment and Barlow Requesting Their Support for General Assembly Approval. The Motion Was Seconded by Mr. Tabb.*

*Recorded Vote on the Motion:*

*Aye: Haulman, Zeidler, Houghland, Tabb*

*No: None*

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Approved: November 14, 2002

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council